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After “*Ode to Acario Cotapos*” by Pablo Neruda

Tú, poeta de palabras,
juntaste en vida la música magnífica,
la palabra que salta de su página donde yació sin sonido,
y transformaste para mi el idioma
en un monzón de esplendor.

Maestro, amigo,
me has enseñado tantas cosas claras
que donde estoy me das tu claridad.

Ahora,
escribo un libro de lo que soy.
Y en este soy, Pablo, eres conmigo.

Praise for Pablo Neruda
Translation by Neil Shipley

You, tinkerer of words,
immersed in a life of beautiful music,
words which jump off your page where they had lain without voice,
and you opened for me your language
in a blooming splendor.

Mentor, friend,
you have taught me crystalline lessons
that I can see from where I am.

Now,
I am writing the book of what I am.
And in this, Pablo, you are with me.